

Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
November 18, 1996 6 p.m.
Dwight Middle School

Members/Alternates present:

Mr. Juan Solis, Sr., RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn
Dr. Gene Lené
Mr. Paul Person
Mr. Carl Mixon
Mr. Sam Murrah
Mr. Paul Roberson

Mr. Edward Riojas, Jr., RAB Base Co-Chair
Mr. Tom Culbertson
Mr. Sam Sanchez
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. George Rice
Mr. Richard Ehrhart
Mrs. Yolanda Johnson

Members absent without Alternate:

Ms. Annalisa Peace
Mr. Gary Beyer
Mr. Nicholas Rodriguez, Jr.

Mr. Thomas Moore
Mr. Edward Weinstein

Kelly Air Force Base Staff present:

Mr. Dan Medina
Capt. Carl Sepulveda
Mr. Edward Roberson
Mr. Juan Perez
Mr. Luis Medina
Dr. Michael Jarrard
Mr. Gerry Arriaga

Mr. Dick Walters
Mr. Stan Pehl
Ms. Hilary Naab
Mr. Joe Ebert
Ms. Sonia Gallegos
Ms. Rita Leal

Item I: Call to Order

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m., with Mr. Juan Solis, Community Co-chair conducting.
- B. The RAB members introduced themselves.
- C. Mr. Armando Quintanilla said at the last meeting he had requested an update on Zone 3 and a presentation by the City regarding the Quintana Road Storm Culvert project. He said neither of these items were on the agenda for the meeting.

Item II: Discussion/Approval of Minutes

- A. Mr. Solis asked for a discussion of the minutes from the last meeting.

- B. Mr. Quintanilla said the agenda items he requested for this meeting were ignored and that he would like to see them addressed at the next meeting. Mr. Solis and Mr. Edward Riojas, Air Force Co-chair, assured him they would be addressed.
- C. The minutes were approved without change.
- D. Mr. Dan Medina, Kelly AFB, gave a short presentation on the 7 November InfoFair, held at Kennedy High School. He said the InfoFair went very well and there was considerable interest in the topics among those who attended. In the future, he said, Kelly is planning to do several more InfoFairs to answer the questions and concerns expressed by attendees
- E. Questions and Comments

Mr. Quintanilla commented that the cleanup schedule posted for Zone 3 indicated specific dates for the design and construction of cleanup systems. He asked if those designs will be brought before the RAB. Mr. Medina said the design will be discussed in the RAB's Technical Subcommittee.

Mr. George Rice asked how the estimate of 16 years to cleanup Zone 3 was determined. Mr. Medina said it was an estimate based on current documentation; however, the actual cleanup time will probably be shorter.

Item III: Charter Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Alan Hagelthorn, Charter Subcommittee Chair, gave a report on the charter subcommittee's last meeting. He said the changes are being proposed to address changes to Department of Defense policy on RABs and to better define RAB membership. (A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.)

A. Membership - Discussion

- 1) Mr. Quintanilla expressed concern that the changes in the charter language would allow people outside the area to become RAB members. He said he was opposed to the changes. He asked for EPA's opinion on the language. Mr. Rick Ehrhart, EPA Representative, said he did not oppose the changes.
- 2) Mr. Paul Person, Union Pacific Railroad Representative, said this issue was discussed in detail at the subcommittee meeting, to which all RAB members were invited. He said the RAB must ratify any new members.
- 3) Vote: 9 in favor and 5 against. Motion passed.

B. RAB Member Terms of Service - Discussion

- 1) Mr. Quintanilla said the change in wording makes it so anyone can nominate themselves to be on the RAB. He again asked for EPA's opinion. EPA expressed no opposition to the proposed change.
- 2) Mr. Tom Culbertson said he did not think the community was represented on the board. He said the citizens need better representation and need to be heard. He

said Mr. Solis should take a more active role in leading the RAB. He also commented that very little publicity was given of this meeting.

- 3) Mr. Paul Roberson, Greater Kelly Development Corp. Representative, said the proposed changes in the language will not likely affect the way the RAB operates.

Vote: 13 in favor, one against. Motion passed.

C. Government Co-chair - Discussion

No discussion. The proposed change passed unanimously

D. Limiting RAB Size to 23 - Discussion

- 1) Mr. Hagelthorn said the new Department of Defense guidance on RABs says that RAB membership should be limited to about 20 people to keep the board a manageable size.
- 2) Mr. Sam Sanchez, Bexar Metropolitan Health District Representative, asked what attendance has been at past RAB meetings. Mr. Hagelthorn said that the members present had attended an average of 95 percent of the RAB meetings.
- 3) Mr. Rice said he opposes limiting the membership because it would limit those who may wish to participate. He said the problem has often been that there haven't been enough RAB members present at meetings.
- 4) Vote: 12 in favor, two against. Motion passed.

Item IV: Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Update

A. IRP Update (see attached slides)

Mr. Medina gave a IRP Update covering all major activities for the first quarter of FY97.

B. Questions and Comments

Regarding the Post-Closure Care Permit with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Mr. Quintanilla expressed concern that the permit did not include any sites off base. Mr. Medina responded that the source areas are addressed and that will include any off base areas of contamination. Mr. Quintanilla suggested the permit include that language. Mr. Medina and Mr. Riojas said that was a good point and it will be looked into.

Mr. Rice asked if the cleanup plan for Zone 3 is being redone as promised. Mr. Medina said that the Feasibility Study is still going forward. Mr. Medina indicated that the Feasibility Study is the framework to identify cleanup technologies. The Remedial Design will implement the actual location of cleanup systems.

Mr. Sanchez asked the purpose of the public hearing. Mr. Medina said the hearing's purpose is to take public comment on the conditions and content of the permit. He said the public's comments will be considered before a final permit is issued. The public comment period will begin as soon as notice of the permit is published in the newspaper and will last at least 45 days. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the public

hearing will be held. The hearing is scheduled for 22 January 1997, at Dwight Middle School. The permit, itself, may take up to a year or longer to negotiate.

Mrs. Christina Flores, a member of the public sitting in the audience, suggested that additional soil samples be taken in the neighborhoods, not just along the base boundary, but farther away from the base boundary.

A short break was taken.

Item V: Report on ATSDR Findings

- A. Mr. Medina gave a short report on the findings of the Health Consultation performed by the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR). A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.
- B. He said ATSDR is requesting additional data from the Air Force in four areas to assist their continuing investigation.
 - 1. Current and past air pollution in North Kelly Gardens area.
 - 2. Possible soil contamination due to runoff in the North Kelly Gardens area.
 - 3. Recreational contact with Leon Creek and consumption of fish from Leon Creek.
 - 4. Groundwater offgassing into homes.
- C. Mr. Medina also asked that the results of the soil samples taken by community members be given to the Air Force so they can provide them to ATSDR.
- D. Questions and Comments

Mr. Sam Sanchez said based on ATSDR's recommendations, he believes the Air Force should be more aggressive at searching out contamination.

Mr. Quintanilla expressed concern that lead in older homes can also be a problem. He asked what EPA is doing to educate people. Mr. Ehrhart said he was not aware of any programs EPA had to educate people regarding exposure to lead, but will look into it further.

Mrs. Flores asked how and when the air tests will be conducted. Mr. Medina said the air tests will be a passive air test, which means air will be allowed to pass through a filter. The idea is to get a worst-case scenario sample. The tests will be conducted non-stop for a 72-hour period. A date has not yet been set.

Item VI: Technical Subcommittee Report

- A. Mr. Rice reported that the subcommittee will be working with the Air Force and its contractor to develop a new design for cleaning up Zone 3. They will meet sometime in January.
- B. Members of the RAB met with the Air Force to discuss the sampling plan for the soil sampling that occurred that day. He said he was pleased with the plan but would like to

see deeper samples taken near Site S-1, since the site has been backfilled. He said samples should be taken farther into the neighborhoods and the Air Force should not be shy about taking samples where there may be contamination from non-Air Force sources.

- C. Based on other sampling, Mr. Rice said he was also concerned about lead in the soil and the possibility it could have come from fuel jettisoned from aircraft back during the Vietnam War. Mr. Riojas said that jet fuel does not contain lead. Mr. Rice withdrew his concern.

D. Questions and Comments

Mr. Sanchez asked if the Air Force will test for pesticides. Mr. Gerry Arriaga, Kelly AFB, said the samples will be tested for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), metals and pesticides. Since there are 110 samples to analyze, he expects to receive the results a little later than normal—in about two months.

Mrs. Flores suggested that when a date is set for the air sampling, that it not be revealed to anyone. She said that polluters may shut down operations because of the tests.

Mr. Person asked if RAB members will receive the training discussed several meetings ago. Mr. Dick Walters, Kelly AFB, said if the RAB desires training, he will try to set an agreeable date and have the training. Mr. Quintanilla said the training should include Environmental Justice training from EPA.

Item VII: Public Questions and Comments

Mr. Quintanilla pointed out this RAB meeting was not publicized in *La Prensa*, *The South Side Recorder*, or *The West Side Sun*. Mr. Riojas apologized for the oversight and directed his staff to ensure notices are sent out three weeks before the meeting date.

Mrs. Flores said she was not notified of the soil sampling that was done that day in the North Kelly Gardens area. She said she was promised notification by mail and received none. She said she felt like RAB members were being given the run-around and that the Air Force should stop playing games.

Mrs. Flores asked if any of the RAB members are being paid for attending the meeting. None indicated that they were being paid.

Mrs. Adame said she attended that day's soil sampling and discovered the smell that has been bothering her is not from the fuel storage tanks, but from the Industrial Waste Treatment Plant. She said she appreciated being invited to go along.

Mrs. Flores asked if the Air Force was still considering a buyout of contaminated property in North Kelly Gardens. Mr. Riojas told her the Air Force was not considering a buyout, but

will clean it up, instead. She said she did not want it cleaned up and wanted the Air Force to consider a buyout.

Mr. Riojas apologized for the poor publicity of this meeting and assured the people that they will be notified of future RAB meetings in a timely manner and that agenda items will not be missed again. Mr. Riojas said Community Relations issues will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Item VIII: Next RAB Meeting

A. The next RAB meeting was set for 20 January 1997, at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

B. Action/Agenda Items:

1. Zone 3 Update -- Kelly AFB
2. Quintana Road Storm Culvert Project -- City
3. Community Relations-Public Notifications -- Kelly AFB
4. Post-Closure Care Permit-adding areas off base to the wording -- Kelly AFB
5. Taking soil samples further from the base boundaries -- Kelly AFB
6. Results of soil sampling done by community members -- Community Representatives
7. EPA Lead Education Program -- EPA
8. Look into taking deeper soil samples at Site S-1 -- Kelly AFB
9. RAB member training- including Environmental Justice -- Kelly AFB
10. Determining the smell source from the Industrial Waste Treatment Plant -- Kelly AFB
11. Historical report of aircraft procedures for jettisoning jet fuel in airspace near the base -- Kelly AFB
12. If the RAB meeting is held before the Public Hearing Kelly may present the Permit and Groundwater Compliance Plan Presentation by CH2M Hill (Adrienne Williams) -- Kelly AFB

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attachments

1. Agenda
2. Report of Charter Subcommittee
3. Presentation slides of IRP Update
4. ATSDR Report Summary